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STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION
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Roy V. Swain	Barrington
Raymond H. Chase, Chairman	Ward 1 Dover
Thomas H. Keenan	Ward 1 Dover
Max W. Leighton	Ward 1 Dover
Frank J. Grimes	Ward 2 Dover
Joseph Marcotte, Jr.	Ward 2 Dover
Carroll E. Fellows	Ward 3 Dover
Charles W. Webb	Ward 3 Dover
William H. Connell	Ward 4 Dover
Harley A. Crandall	Ward 4 Dover
Charles H. Locke*	Ward 4 Dover
Emmet J. Flanagan	Ward 5 Dover
Helen C. Funkhouser	Durham
Albert D. Littlehale	Durham
William M. Stearns, Vice-Chairman	Durham
Carl C. Blanchard	Farmington
Ned L. Parker	Farmington
Lee	Not Entitled
Leeman B. Wormhood	Madbury
Middleton	Not Entitled
John E. Horne*	Milton
William H. Nehring	New Durham
Ernest L. Rolfe	Ward 1 Rochester
Fred Maxfield	Ward 2 Rochester
Albert Nelson	Ward 2 Rochester
Edgar J. Carignan	Ward 3 Rochester
Alphonse Lacasse	Ward 4 Rochester
Angeline St. Pierre, Clerk	Ward 4 Rochester
Norma M. Studley	Ward 5 Rochester
Arnold T. Clement	Ward 6 Rochester
Llewellyn F. Fernald	Ward 6 Rochester
Fred L. Green	Rollinsford
Placide J. Lagueux	Ward 1 Somersworth
Edward G. Letourneau	Ward 2 Somersworth

Victor Charpentier	Ward 3 Somersworth
John F. Beamis	Ward 4 Somersworth
James F. Malley	Ward 5 Somersworth
Albert H. Brown	Strafford

* Deceased

Delegates to the County Convention

Frank I. Caldwell	Lee
Edward Burbank	Middleton

MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE STRAFFORD COUNTY DELEGATION FOR THE YEAR 1954

Executive Committee Meeting

February 23, 1954

Meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order on this day by Chairman, Raymond H. Chase at 1:30 p. m.

The following members were present: Flanagan, Letourneau, Stearns, Brown and Studley.

The three County Commissioners and County Home Superintendent were also present.

Each item in the proposed budget was considered. Additional items in the budget were also considered; namely, $2000 for repairs and alterations to Superior Court Room; $1000—Sheriff—partition, camera and files; $600 County Solicitor for secretarial expense; $3600 for hay baler and car for the County Home.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p. m. Public Hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for March 2, 1954 at 8 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk pro tem

Public Hearing

March 2, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m. by Chairman, Raymond H. Chase.

The following delegation members were present: Roy V. Swain, Max W. Leighton, William H. Connell, Harley A. Crandall, Emmet J. Flanagan, Helen C. Funkhouser, Albert D. Littlehale, Angeline St. Pierre and Albert H. Brown. Also present were the three County Commissioners, Supt. of County Home, Mr. John Lepene, County Solicitor, John M. Brant, representatives from the press and six citizens.

Each item in the budget was considered.

City Solicitor, T. Casey Moher questioned the $1800 for County Solicitor's salary and recommended to the members of the delegation that something be done to raise the salary of the County Solicitor when the legislature meets again.

Mr. Walter Keays questioned various items such as the photostat machine; Care and Supplies for Court House; special appropriation for repairs to the Superior Court Room; special appropriation for camera, partition and files for Sheriff and the hay baler and car for the County Home.

Mr. Walter Keays recommended that the $95,000. appropriation for the County Farm be cut $5,000. Both Mr. Chase and Mr. Lepene, Supt. of the County Farm spoke.

Mr. Walter Keays, in questioning the receipts on photostat, asked whether or not some provision or motion had been made for photostating veterans'

discharges at no charge. Stated that now veterans are paying 35c. Matter was referred to the County Commissioners to check.

Hearing closed at 9:30 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk pro tem

Budget Meeting—1954

March 15, 1954

The all-day meeting was called to order at 11:15 a. m. by Chairman Raymond H. Chase. The following members of the delegation were present: Roy V. Swain, Max W. Leighton, Frank J. Grimes, Joseph Marcotte, Jr., Charles W. Webb, William H. Connell, Harley A. Crandall, Emmet J. Flanagan, Helen C. Funkhouser, Albert D. Littlehale, William M. Stearns, Leeman B. Wormhood, William H. Nehring, Ernest L. Rolfe, Fred Maxfield, Albert Nelson, Alphonse Lacasse, Angeline M. St. Pierre, Norma M. Studley, Fred L. Green, Edward G. Letourneau, Albert H. Brown and Frank I. Caldwell. Also present were the three County Commissioners, County Solicitor, John M. Brant, Mrs. Anna Dube, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, Leo Cormier, Mrs. Mary E. Cheney, Welfare Worker, Mr. Angell of the Strafford County Farm Bureau, Mr. Dan Adams, County Agent, County Farm Superintendent, Mr.

Lepene, City Solicitor Leo Cater representing Mayor Edward Charpentier of Somersworth and members of the press. Mayor Thomas Keenan of Dover and Mayor John Shaw of Rochester were unable to be present.

Each item in the budget was considered and explanations for the amount of each appropriation were given by either the Chairman of the Delegation or Chairman of the County Commissioners, Lucien G. Paradis.

At noon dinner was served to those assembled following which the meeting was resumed.

The budget was again considered item by item with the appropriation for each.

A suggestion was made by Rep. Green that the Commissioners look into the possibility of a switch board as a possible saving in toll calls at the County Court House.

Chairman, Chase advised the group that the $2300 requested for the Register of Probate included the purchase of a typewriter. That is, any money saved from deputy expense plus any other saving which can be realized would be applied to the purchase of a typewriter for that office.

The appropriation of $1600 for the Register of Deeds was lowered to $1200. Mrs. Dube stated she was of the opinion that there were about 52 more books to be slip-covered.

Following a very lengthy discussion on re-indexing, Rep. Flanagan moved that the sum of $2000 be ear-marked for the hiring of a clerk for the express purpose of working on the re-indexing in the Registry of Deeds under the supervision of Mrs.

Dube. Seconded by Rep. Lacasse. Roll called. Motion passed 10-12. An amendment was made by Rep. Letourneau that the motion be effective April 1, 1954 —not to exceed $2000 for the current year. Passed.

In accordance with request of Mr. Walter Keays made at the Public Hearing, the Commissioners checked into the matter of whether or not any motion had been made regarding photostating veterans' discharges at no cost. It was revealed that, as far as could be ascertained, no motion or provision had been made. Chairman Chase stated that, according to the records of the County Commissioners, 41 discharges were photostated between 11/50-12/51 free of charge. From 1/52 to date, approximately 366 veterans' discharges have been photostated at a cost of 35c which brought in $128.10 in revenue to the County. Rep. Crandall moved that the County photostat veterans' discharges free of cost. First copy to be done at no charge; any additional copies to be 35c per copy. Motion was seconded by Rep. Flanagan. Passed.

Rep. Grimes made motion that the sum of $300 be inserted for repairs at County Home to screen and paint the veranda on the women's side for use in the Summer. Motion seconded by Rep. Flanagan. Passed.

Rep. Green moved and it was seconded by Rep. Funkhouser that the appropriation for delegation expense be transferred to the appropriation for screening and painting the veranda. Motion was disallowed.

No amount had been estimated on interest on funds invested. County Treasurer, Leo Cormier advised that it was difficult to state just how much could be realized from this. Rep. Crandall moved

that the sum of $600 be added as estimated on funds invested. Seconded by Rep. Swain. Passed.

The expenditures taken from the Contingent Fund in 1953 and its need for 1954 was considered in length. Rep. Stearns made a motion that the Contingent Fund be reduced to $2000. Reason for that being to hold amount necessary to be raised for taxation as close as it was last year. Following a suggestion made by Rep. Brown that the amount of revenue from the Farm be raised to $41,000 and the Contingent Fund be lowered to $3000, Rep. Stearns made a new motion. Rep. Stearns moved that the Contingent Fund be left at $3000 and $1000 be added to estimated income at County Farm. Seconded by Rep. Brown. Passed.

Rep. Swain stated the Commissioners and Executive Committee should be commended for the revenue received at the County Farm on the infirmary and convalescent program which exceeded all expectations.

Rep. Swain moved that the budget with the changes made be accepted. Seconded by Rep. Brown. Passed.

Special appropriations included in the 1954 budget were as follows: $600 for secretarial expense for the County Solicitor; $2000 appropriation for the Court Room to take care of the installation of a ladies' rest room, new chairs for the jury and new electric fixtures to take the place of gas ones; the amount of $1000 was granted the Sheriff for the erection of a partition, purchase of a camera and files; $3600 for the purchase of a hay baler and a new station wagon for the County Farm use—1949 Chev. to be traded in.

Rep. Chase brought to the attention of the delegation the need of a new heating system at the farm which would be a saving in the cost of fuel, installation of a sprinkler system which would mean a reduction in the cost of insurance and repairs to the brick work at the Court House. The approximate total cost for the three items is $44,000.

Motion made by Rep. Crandall and seconded by Rep. Swain that the Commissioners be authorized to look into the matter of engineers' fees and specifications. Motion passed.

It was moved by Rep. Swain and seconded by several that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

MARIE L. EDIN,
Clerk pro tem

Executive Committee Meeting

October 18, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p. m. with Mr. Raymond Chase, Chairman presiding. The following members were present: Flanagan, Crandall, St. Pierre, Letourneau. Also present were the three County Commissioners, and Supt. John Lepene.

Each item in the budget was read and considered. It was noted that $350. was spent recently for furniture in the court room at the Court House, also that an extra amount of $75 was spent on screening in the men's porch at the County Home. County is well within its budget. A motion to accept the nine months budget was made by Mr. Crandall and seconded by Mr. Flanagan. Motion passed.

Mr. Crandall made a motion that the Committee commend the County Commissioners and Supt. Lepene for their splendid work on the operation of the County and County Farm and particularly on the budget which is well within expenditures. This motion was seconded by Mr. Letourneau. Passed.

Supt. Lepene brought before the Executive Committee the matter of the mangle at the County Home being out of condition. The estimated cost on parts to fix the machine would be $300 on a non-returnable basis. Cost of a new mangle would be between $3,000-4,000. Mr. Craig from the Craig Supply Co. in Durham, N. H., was called before the meeting to discuss the matter. He suggested that the 56' gas heated master ironer would do the work and would be more economic to run. A motion was made by Mr. Flanagan that the Executive Committee authorize Mr. Lepene to purchase the ironer if it meets with his approval, said purchase to be paid for from the Contingent Fund, not to exceed $600. Motion unanimous. Passed.

The subject of a new heating system and sprinkler system in the County Home was discussed briefly. The question of the work to be done at the Court House was brought up and it was decided that this would be taken up as future business.

It was moved by Mr. Crandall and seconded by several that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 4 p. m.

ANGELINE ST. PIERRE,
Clerk

ELLEN FLANAGAN,
Clerk pro tem

BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1954

General Government		
Salaries		
Commissioners	$	3,600.00
Treasurer		400.00
Auditors		200.00
Solicitor		1,800.00
Medical Referee		800.00
Sheriff		1,000.00
Spec. app. Solicitor's secretary		600.00
Expenses of		
Above Officers		5,600.00
Register of Deeds		1,200.00
Register of Probate		2,500.00
Photostat		1,600.00
Care and supplies for Court House		7,500.00
Spec. app. Court Rooms		2,000.00
Spec. app. Re-indexing		2,000.00
Superior Court		40,000.00
Spec. app. Sheriff, partition, etc.		1,000.00
County Farm		95,000.00
Support of poor off Farm		20,000.00
Old Age Assistance		10,500.00
Board and care of children		38,000.00
Soldiers' Aid		4,500.00
Welfare Administration Expense		6,300.00
Interest		
On temporary loans		2,000.00
On bonds		550.00
Outlay for		
Repairs at County Home		300.00
Hay baler and car		3,600.00
Contingent Fund		3,000.00
Indebtedness		
Bonds		7,000.00

County Reports	300.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	125.00
Delegation expenses	400.00
State Audit	325.00
County Extension Service	13,756.00
Insurance	4,200.00
Employees' Retirement	700.00
	$ 282,356.00

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT—1954

In accordance with the Public Laws of State of New Hampshire, the Board of Strafford County Commissioners herewith submit the annual report of the Commissioners along with the Treasurer, Superintendent of the County Home, Clerk of Court, County Solicitor, Chaplains and County Extension Service.

At the close of December 1954, the balance of the budget was $20,140.75. A few departments were over the appropriations, but the total appropriations were under by $1,213.84. With the revenues in excess of the estimates at the County Home and Board and Care of Children we were able to have a cash balance of $20,140.75. The general policy of Strafford County Home is planned economy, and good care for the aged people. The new infirmary program, which we started in 1952 to take care of permanently and totally disabled, and old age is showing an increase, and we anticipate it will continue to be a good revenue for the County.

The overdraft at the County Home for the year 1954 was caused mainly by increased labor costs, and repairs for hurricane damage for which we were later reimbursed by insurances.

Through the efforts of our investigator, the County has been reimbursed $12,281.21 for Board and Care of Children, and the actual expenditure was $37,909.46, so almost one third was collected. There has been an increase in expenditures under Aid to Soldiers, but some of this has been due to the increase cost of medical and hospital care. We usually request relief recipients to work at the County Home in return for assistance given and this has proved quite satisfactory.

The County Commissioners have three projects in mind and plan to recommend it to the Strafford County Delegation.

First: The replacement of the heating system at the County Home as the present boilers have been condemned by the underwriters.

Second: Install a Sprinkler System at the County Home for safety and protective purposes. By doing this we will be able to use the third floor at the County Home and possibly fifteen to eighteen beds could be used. We also have been informed that this would make a reduction in insurance rates.

Third: The old part of the Court House should be repointed, water proofed, and all windows painted and repaired. Some of the stones are settling from lack of mortar. On recommendation of a local architect, immediate attention is necessary. If these projects are approved, the County Commissioners recommend that they be financed by a bond issue extended over a twenty year period.

At the Court House a new toilet and lavoratory has been installed on the third floor near the court room, and for the Judge's office new furniture was purchased, also new lighting fixtures were installed for Judge's office and his Conference room. The Sheriff's room has been divided into two rooms so that he can have a private office.

Early summer the Board of County Commissioners decided to put extended coverage on insurance policies which proved to be a good investment as the hurricanes occurred in latter part of August and September. Extensive damage was done to several buildings at County Home and slight damage to the Court House.

The County Commissioners feel that the County is fortunate in having a staff of employers that keep affairs operating in such an efficient manner.

We wish to express our appreciation to the various County officials, New Hampshire Public Welfare Dept., Probation Dept., County Delegates, County Physicians and Cities and Towns for their fine cooperation. We are also grateful to clubs, individuals, and Chaplains for their contribution to the inmates at the County Home.

We wish to thank Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. John Lepene for their wonderful work and understanding of the County Home, also nurses who have given good care to the inmates.

The citizens of Strafford County are cordially invited to visit the County Home at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIEN G. PARADIS, Chairman
GEORGE A. YOUNG,
CARROLL E. HALL, Clerk

Strafford County Commissioners

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

April 28, 1954

Board of County Commissioners
Strafford County
Dover, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws, the biennial examination and audit of the accounts of Strafford County has been made by this Division. The audit covered the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed. The report is made up in three sections as follows:

Section I —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Section II —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953

Section III—Statistical Table — Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes—10 Year Period

Scope Of Audit

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets:

December 31, 1951 — December 31, 1952 (Exhibit A)

December 31, 1952 — December 31, 1953 (Exhibit I)

Comparative Balance Sheets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1951-1952 and December 31, 1952-1953, are presented in Exhibits A and I, respectively. As indicated therein the Net Debt decreased by $30,657.80 in 1952 and $3,227.76 in 1953.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibit B)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibit J)

Statements presenting an analysis of the change in financial condition of the County during the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are included in Exhibits B and J, respectively.

The decrease in Net Debt during the year 1952 amounted to $30,657.80. The factors which caused this were as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt

Net Budget Surplus	$27,354.45	
Bonds Matured and Paid	7,000.00	
Transfer of General Funds to Petty Cash Fund—Commissioners' Office	25.00	
		$34,379.45

Increase in Net Debt

Cash Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	3,721.65
Net Decrease	$30,657.80

In 1953 the Net Debt decreased by $3,227.76. This was brought about as follows:

Decreases in Net Debt

Net Budget Surplus	$23,582.21	
Bonds Matured and Paid	7,000.00	
		$30,582.21

Increase in Net Debt

Cash Surplus Used to Reduce County Tax	27,354.45
Net Decrease	$3,227.76

Statement of Bonded Indebtedness: (Exhibit M)

A statement of bonded indebtedness as of December 31, 1953, showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements, is contained in Exhibit M.

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952 (Exhibits C and D)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953 (Exhibits K and L)

In the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, a net revenue surplus of $10,386.99, plus a net unex-

pended balance of appropriations of $16,967.46, resulted in a net budget surplus of $27,354.45.

In 1953, a net revenue surplus of $19,529.16, plus a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $4,053.05, resulted in a net budget surplus of $23,582.21.

Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures:

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952
(Exhibit E)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1953
(Exhibit N)

Summaries of the receipts and expenditures of the County, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953, are presented in Exhibits E and N, respectively.

Accounts of Commissioners and Treasurer

All orders issued by the Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the periods under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records. Supporting invoices and payrolls were also examined and the classification of expenditures noted. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1953, is shown in Exhibit O.

Clerk of the Superior Court

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of Court of Strafford County were examined. Court receipts were checked by source, insofar as possible, and found to be properly recorded. Court orders issued by the Clerk were supported by invoices,

vouchers and payrolls bearing the approval of a Superior Court Justice.

County Farm

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined. Receipts of the County Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All receipts, as recorded in the cash book, were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances to the County Treasurer.

Classified summaries of receipts and expenditures of the County Institutions for the years 1952 and 1953 are presented in Exhibits G and P, respectively.

General Comments

Debt Limit:

The debt limit and borrowing capacity of Strafford County as of January 1, 1954, as provided by the Municipal Finance Act (Chapter 258 of the Laws of 1953, which amends and replaces Chapter 72 of the Revised Laws) is as follows:

1953 Assessed Valuation of Strafford County (All Cities and Towns)	$66,771,373.00
Debt Limit (3% of Valuation)	2,003,141.00
Outstanding Bonds (.07% of Valuation)	44,000.00
Net Borrowing Capacity (2.93% of Valuation)	$1,959,141.00

Conclusion:

The accounts and records of the county offi-

cials were found in good condition and the accounting and financial procedure conformed to prescribed methods.

In conformance with Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, a copy of this report or a summary of its essential features should be published in the next annual report of the County. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the publication of Exhibits is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of Strafford County and the office staff for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

Harold G. Fowler, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

April 28, 1954

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Strafford

County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1952 and December 31, 1953. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of Strafford County and the results of operations for the periods under review.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor
Hugh J. Cassidy, Accountant

FINANCIAL REPORT

1954

ASSETS

Cash on hand	$20,140.75
Excess of liabilities over assets, bonds	37,000.00
	$57,140.75

LIABILITIES

Bonds outstanding:	
Court House Addition Bonds	$25,000.00
County Home Kitchen	12,000.00
	$37,000.00
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	20,140.75
	$57,140.75

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Land and Buildings:	
Court House	$144,000.00
Jail	22,583.00
County Farm	105,447.00
Furniture and Equipment:	
Court House	21,000.00
Jail	2,552.00
County Farm	60,000.00
	$355,582.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF 1954 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Under Appro.	Over Appro.	Receipts
Salaries of Officers	$ 7,000.00	$ 7,000.00			
Medical Referee	800.00	770.65	$ 29.35		
Expenses of Officers	5,600.00	4,536.35	1,063.65		
Spec. App. Solicitor	600.00	600.00			
Register of Deeds	1,200.00	1,808.86		$ 608.86	
Re-indexing	2,000.00	2,000.00			
Register of Probate	2,500.00	1,673.82	826.18		$ 42.50
Photostat	1,600.00	1,362.79	237.21		219.54
Care and Supplies for Court House	7,500.00	6,149.83	1,350.17		
Spec. App. Court Rooms	2,000.00	1,999.26	.74		
Superior Court	40,000.00	39,684.03	315.97		38.20
Spec. App. Sheriff	1,000.00	946.63	53.37		
County Farm	95,000.00	102,068.53		7,068.53	54,259.66
Support of Poor Off Farm	20,000.00	17,777.31	1,567.71		719.83
Surplus Foods		654.98			133.58
Old Age Assistance	10,500.00	8,091.84	2,408.16		
Board and Care of Children	38,000.00	37,909.46	90.54		12,281.21

Aid to Soldiers' Families	4,500.00	5,904.78		1,404.78	166.68
Welfare Adm. Expenses	6,300.00	5,908.03	391.97		
Interest:					
On Temporary Loans	2,000.00	1,626.67	373.33		
On Bonds	550.00	550.00			
Repairs at County Farm	300.00	300.00			
Hay Baler and Car	3,600.00	3,600.00			
Contingent Fund	3,000.00	1,337.22	1,662.78		
Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00			
County Reports	300.00	290.00	10.00		
Tax Anticipation Notes Exp.	125.00	143.16		18.16	
Delegation Expenses	400.00	298.90	101.10		
State Audit	325.00	340.53		15.53	
County Extension Service	13,756.00	13,756.00			
Insurance	4,200.00	4,456.30		256.30	35.60
Employees Retirement	700.00	596.23	103.77		
Interest on Investments					255.11
	$282,356.00	$281,142.16	$10,586.00	$9,372.16	$68,151.91
Appropriations for 1954	$282,356.00	Under Appropriations			$10,586.00

Expenditures for 1954	281,142.16	Over Appropriations	9,372.16
Under Appropriations	$ 1,213.84	Under Appropriations	$ 1,213.84

Total Cash Balance December 31, 1954 $20,140.75

1954

Receipts	$ 68,151.91
Less Estimated Revenue	49,225.00
	$ 18,926.91
Plus Difference in Appro.	1,213.84
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1955	$ 20,140.75

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
Income from Institutions:		
County Farm		$ 54,259.66
Interest on funds invested		255.11
Reimbursement of expenditures for support of poor:		
Direct relief		719.83
Board and care of children		12,281.21
Soldiers' Aid		166.68
All other receipts:		
Photostat		219.54
Register of Probate, used typewriter		42.50
Superior Court, allowance on typewriter	$25.00	
Reimbursement on bond	13.20	
		38.20
Return premium on insurance		35.60
Towns and cities, surplus foods		133.58
Total revenue from all sources except taxation		$ 68,151.91
Temporary loans during the year		200,000.00
Taxes from cities and towns		209,548.79
		$477,700.70
Cash on hand at beginning of year		23,582.21
Total revenue		$501,282.91

RESUME OF EXPENDITURES

County Farm	$102,068.53
County Farm, special appropriations	3,900.00
Direct Relief	17,777.31
Soldiers' Aid	5,904.78
Board and care of children	37,909.46
Old Age Assistance	8,091.84
Welfare Administration:	
Salaries of Case Worker and Stenographer	5,251.43
Travel expense, Case Worker	656.60
Medical Referee	770.65
County Officers' Salaries	7,000.00
County Officers' Expenses	4,536.35
Care and supplies for Court House	6,149.83
Superior Court	39,684.03
Register of Deeds	1,808.86
Register of Probate	1,673.82
County Solicitor, spec. app., Secretary	600.00
Sheriff's Dept., spec. app.	946.63
Court Rooms, spec. app.	1,999.26
Tax Anticipation Note	200,000.00
Tax Anticipation notes expense	143.16
Interest on Tax Anticipation Note	1,626.67
Bonds	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds	550.00
County Extension Service	13,756.00
Insurance	4,456.30
Photostat	1,362.79
County Reports	290.00
Retirement	596.23
Delegation expenses	298.90
Re-indexing, spec. app.	2,000.00
Contingent Fund	1,337.22
State Audit	340.53
Surplus Commodities	654.98

All other payments	7,327.80
Total	$488,469.96

1954 PAYMENTS

General Government:	
Salaries of	
Commissioners	$3,600.00
Treasurer	400.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,800.00
Medical Referee	770.65
Sheriff	1,000.00
Expenses of	
Above Officers	4,536.35
Register of Deeds	1,808.86
Register of Probate	1,673.82
Photostat	1,362.79
Special app., Solicitor for Clerk	600.00
Re-indexing	2,000.00
Care and Supplies for Court House	6,149.83
Superior Court	39,684.03
Special appropriation, Court Rooms	1,999.26
Special appropriation, Sheriff	946.63
Public Welfare:	
County Farm	102,068.53
Support of Poor off Farm	17,777.31
Surplus Commodities	654.98
*Old Age Assistance	8,091.84
Board and Care of Children	37,909.46
Soldiers' Aid	5,904.78
Welfare Administration Expense	5,908.03
Interest:	
On Temporary Loans	1,626.67
On Bonds	550.00

Outlay for New Construction, etc.:	
Repairs at County Farm	300.00
Hay baler and car	3,600.00
Contingent Fund	1,337.22
Indebtedness:	
Payment on temporary loan	200,000.00
Payment on principal of bonds	7,000.00
All Other Payments:	
County Reports	290.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	143.16
Delegation expenses	298.90
State audit	340.53
County Extension Service	13,756.00
Insurance	4,456.30
Employees retirement	596.23
	$481,142.16

*Old Age Assistance 25% of grant and amount paid by County. Alien Old Age Assistance 50% of grant per case under $55.00. 100% of grant per case over $55.00.

This amount represents 35% of grant and amount paid by County. 100% non medical extra aid paid by County. Aid to disabled amount paid by County, 35%.

1954 STRAFFORD COUNTY RECEIPTS

January	
County Home	$ 2,822.32
Board and care of children	579.64
Direct Relief	95.00
Photostat	19.60
Hospital Service	52.95
	$ 3,569.51

February

County Home	$ 4,760.09
Board and care of children	539.64
Direct Relief	46.00
Hospital Service	52.95
Photostat	20.69
Insurance dividend	18.81
Soldiers' Aid	33.50
Temporary Loan (tax anticipation)	200,000.00
	$205,471.68

March

County Home	$ 4,962.54
Board and care of children	2,042.90
Direct Relief	71.04
Hospital Service	52.95
Photostat	20.15
	$ 7,149.58

April

County Home	$ 4,370.38
Board and care of children	887.44
Direct Relief	142.50
Hospital Service	43.20
Photostat	10.15
	$ 5,453.67

May

County Home	$ 4,116.40
Board and care of children	1,001.44
Direct Relief	79.00
Hospital Service	43.20
Photostat	9.10

Probate Office, used typewriter	42.50
	$ 5,291.64

June

County Home	$ 4,383.28
Board and care of children	969.24
Direct Relief	35.34
Soldiers' Aid	41.72
Hospital Service	43.20
Photostat	27.05
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bills	225.36
Return premium on insurance	10.83
	$ 5,736.02

July

County Home	$ 3,905.02
Board and care of children	839.21
Direct Relief	144.32
Hospital Service	46.10
Photostat	22.20
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bills	29.75
Reimbursement on bond (Superior Court)	13.20
Reimbursement on insurance	5.96
	$ 5,005.76

August

County Home	$ 2,749.44
Board and care of children	1,249.64
Direct Relief	14.66
Hospital Service	42.70
Photostat	27.65
Soldiers' Aid	10.66
	$ 4,094.75

September	
County Home	$ 5,873.69
Board and care of children	1,212.96
Direct Relief	1.65
Hospital Service	42.70
Soldiers' Aid	5.00
	$ 7,136.00
October	
County Home	$ 3,250.57
Board and care of children	1,110.22
Hospital Service	42.70
Photostat	32.70
	$ 4,436.19
November	
County Home	$ 5,686.21
Board and care of children	925.44
Direct Relief	31.00
Soldiers' Aid	60.00
Surplus Commodities	73.41
County Taxes	7,684.15
Photostat	15.95
Hospital Service	42.70
	$ 14,518.86
December	
County Home	$ 7,379.72
Board and care of children	923.44
Direct Relief	59.32
Soldiers' Aid	15.80
Surplus Commodities	60.17
County Taxes	201,864.64
Photostat	14.30

Hospital Service	46.10
Clerk of Court, allowance on typewriter	25.00
	$210,388.49

1954 STRAFFORD COUNTY EXPENDITURES

January

County Home	$ 7,749.15
Direct Relief	1,312.42
Aid to soldiers' families	355.95
Board and care of children	3,035.00
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referee	59.00
County Officers' salaries	583.33
County Officers' expenses	576.42
Care and supplies for Court House	605.62
Superior Court	1,653.86
Register of Deeds	143.21
Register of Probate	49.94
Insurance	683.48
Delegation expense	28.50
	$ 17,304.88

February

County Home	$ 9,476.90
Direct Relief	1,627.48
Aid to soldiers' families	397.20
Board and care of children	2,848.45
Old age assistance	705.49
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00

Medical Referee	6.00
County Officers' salaries	533.33
County Officers' expenses	256.43
Care and supplies for Court House	529.01
Superior Court	2,200.11
Register of Deeds	107.25
Register of Probate	26.45
Indebtedness	
Interest on Court House Bonds	187.50
Interest on tax anticipation loan	1,626.67
County Extension Service	1,200.00
Photostat	200.42
Insurance	2,708.64
	$ 25,106.33

March

County Home	$ 7,943.93
County Home special appropriation	1,300.00
Direct relief	2,018.23
Aid to soldiers' families	545.45
Board and care of children	3,045.31
Old age assistance	710.94
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referee	64.00
County Officers' salaries	633.34
County Officers' expenses	416.76
Care and supplies for Court House	707.23
Superior Court	4,973.89
Register of Deeds	23.65
Register of Probate	129.67
Indebtedness	
Interest on County Home Bonds	87.50
County Extension Service	1,141.00
Tax anticipation notes expense	143.16
Insurance	125.40

Photostat	152.95
County Solicitor's spec. app. (3 months)	150.00
	$ 24,781.41

April

County Home	$ 9,575.94
Direct Relief	1,665.01
Aid to soldiers' families	830.63
Board and care of children	3,140.32
Old age assistance	700.51
Welfare administration salaries	523.75
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	18.00
County Officers' salaries	583.33
County Officers' expenses	568.79
Care and supplies for Court House	542.60
Superior Court	3,961.05
Register of Deeds	43.24
Register of Probate	113.70
County Extension Service	1,141.00
Re-indexing, spec. app.	180.00
Contingent Fund	300.00
Special appropriation, County Solicitor	50.00
Surplus Commodities	283.29
	$ 24,283.66

May

County Home	$ 8,686.23
County Home special appropriation	2,300.00
Direct Relief	2,102.43
Aid to soldiers' families	587.37
Board and care of children	3,148.23
Old age assistance (2 months)	1,406.53
Welfare administration salaries	419.00

Welfare administration expenses	55.00
Medical Referees	181.00
County Officers' salaries	533.33
County Officers' expenses	235.33
Care and supplies for Court House	418.59
Superior Court	7,257.95
Register of Deeds	24.15
Register of Probate	412.97
County Extension Service	1,141.00
County Reports	290.00
Insurance	266.57
Re-indexing, spec. app.	220.00
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
	$ 29,735.68

June

County Home	$ 8,278.10
County Home, spec. app., piazza	82.06
Direct Relief	1,720.03
Aid to soldiers' families	352.33
Board and care of children	2,993.92
Old age assistance	708.13
Welfare administration salaries	419.00
Welfare administration expenses	51.60
Medical referee	43.00
County Officers' salaries	633.34
County Officers' expenses	291.45
Care and supplies for Court House	325.51
Superior Court	779.22
Register of Deeds	145.15
Register of Probate	445.50
County Extension Service	1,141.00
Insurance	138.35
Retirement, County's share	299.18
Photostat	152.77
Re-indexing, spec. app.	200.00

State audit	340.53
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
	$ 19,590.17

July

County Home	$ 8,406.16
County Home, spec. app., piazza	54.26
Direct Relief	1,291.95
Aid to Soldiers' families	300.35
Board and care of children	3,310.05
Welfare administration salaries	370.20
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	49.10
County Officers' salaries	583.33
County Officers' expenses	504.38
Care and supplies for Court House	427.06
Superior Court	3,178.33
Register of Deeds	20.45
Register of Probate	48.70
County Extension Service	1,141.00
Surplus Commodities	129.18
Special App., Sheriff	281.75
Photostat	214.90
Insurance	529.86
Re-indexing, spec. app.	200.00
Special app., County Solicitor	50.00
	$ 21,153.51

August

County Home	$ 7,779.17
County Home, spec. app., piazza	144.89
Direct relief	953.93
Aid to soldiers' families	505.19
Board and care of children	3,070.97
Old age assistance	712.13

Welfare administration salaries	478.20
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referee	34.75
County Officers' salaries	533.33
County Officers' expenses	237.74
Care and supplies for Court House	431.20
Superior Court	1,777.37
Register of Deeds	23.05
Register of Probate	17.80
Indebtedness	
Principal, Court House Add. Bonds	5,000.00
Interest	187.50
County Extension Service	1,141.00
Photostat	152.95
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
	$ 23,293.67

September

County Home	$ 7,200.87
County Home, spec. app., piazza (balance)	18.79
Direct relief	916.67
Aid to soldiers' families	548.79
Board and care of children	2,993.23
Old age assistance	807.26
Welfare administration salaries	344.52
Welfare administration expenses	37.50
Medical Referee	30.00
County Officers' salaries	633.34
County Officers' expenses	275.12
Care and supplies for Court House	395.85
Superior Court	3,827.77
Register of Deeds	28.07
Register of Probate	145.77
Indebtedness	
Principal, County Home Bonds	2,000.00

Interest	87.50
County Extension Service	1,142.00
Re-indexing, spec. app.	265.00
Insurance	4.00
Photostat	176.80
Surplus Commodities	105.94
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
	$ 22,034.79

October

County Home	$ 7,924.08
Direct relief	9,799.82
Aid to soldiers' families	344.58
Board and care of children	3,552.32
Old age assistance	789.01
Welfare administration salaries	514.20
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referees	164.00
County Officers' salaries	583.33
County Officers' expenses	528.44
Care and supplies for Court House	608.47
Superior Court	7,024.49
Register of Deeds	19.00
Register of Probate	171.42
County Extension Service	1,142.00
Special app., Court Rooms	376.30
Photostat	156.00
Re-indexing, spec. app.	210.00
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
	$ 25,199.96

November

County Home	$ 8,712.52
County Home Insurance, extended coverage	845.00

Direct relief	1,303.00
Aid to soldiers' families	720.71
Board and care of children	3,363.84
Old age assistance	777.11
Welfare administration salaries	411.36
Welfare administration expenses	50.00
Medical Referee	29.00
County Officers' salaries	533.33
County Officers' expenses	263.94
Care and supplies for Court House	504.25
Superior Court	1,030.36
Register of Deeds	18.15
Register of Probate	17.70
County Extension Service	1,142.00
Re-indexing, spec. app.	204.00
Contingent Fund	475.79
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
	$ 20,452.06

December

County Home	$ 7,385.71
County Home, insurance, extended coverage	2,104.77
Direct relief	1,886.34
Aid to soldiers' families	416.23
Board and care of children	3,407.82
Old age assistance	774.73
Welfare administration salaries	514.20
Welfare administration expenses	62.50
Medical Referees	92.80
County Officers' salaries	633.34
County Officers' expenses	381.55
Care and supplies for Court House	654.44
Superior Court	2,019.63
Register of Deeds	1,213.49
Register of Probate	94.20

Indebtedness, tax anticipation note	200,000.00
County Extension Service	2,284.00
Court Rooms, spec. app.	1,622.96
Sheriff, spec. app.	664.88
County Solicitor, spec. app.	50.00
Delegation expenses	270.40
Photostat	156.00
Retirement, County's share	297.05
Re-indexing, spec. app.	521.00
Contingent Fund	561.43
Surplus Commodities	136.57
	$228,206.04

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS, 1954

Expenses of Officers			
Travel expense of Commissioners		$ 740.73	
County Solicitor, Travel & Court Expenses	$400.34		
Supplies	58.71		
		459.05	
Treasurer			
Travel Expense		154.79	
Bookkeeper's salary		2,551.09	
Telephone		383.10	
Supplies		236.59	
Bond, bookkeeper		5.00	
Dues, County Commissioners' Association		6.00	
			$ 4,536.35

Register of Deeds		
Remington Rand, Re-indexing cards	$ 613.59	
Supplies	161.70	
Telephone	236.08	
Express	2.78	
Typewriter repairs	17.71	
F. W. Neal-binding records and slip covers	777.00	
		$ 1,808.86
Register of Probate		
Supplies	$ 1,021.60	
Telephone	206.88	
Bond	12.50	
Typewriter	375.00	
Probate Judge	25.00	
Probate Stenographer	32.84	
		$ 1,673.82
Care and Supplies for Court House		
Janitor Service	$ 3,550.00	
Window Cleaning	140.00	
Oil	1,150.39	
Public Service Co.—lights	760.96	
Supplies	349.09	
Repairs	29.63	
Water Bills	89.61	
Advertisements—Public Hearing & Bids for fuel	80.15	
		$ 6,149.83
Superior Court		
Jury Payrolls	$10,293.57	
State vs. payrolls	1,538.46	
Counsel fees	388.70	
Stenographers	4,594.93	

Clerk of Court, Salary clerical hire, supplies, etc	10,616.90	
Masters Fees	413.15	
Sheriff and Deputies	11,838.32	
		$39,684.03
Welfare Administration		
Salaries—Case Worker and Stenographer	$ 5,251.43	
Travel Expense—Case Worker	656.60	
		$ 5,908.03
Sheriff and Deputies		
Telephone	$ 469.34	
Supplies	125.55	
Bonds	60.00	
Inv. Travel and Court Attendance	11,170.29	
Rivers Studio	10.21	
Transportation	2.93	
		$11,838.32

DIRECT RELIEF, 1954

Dover	$ 7,112.07
Rochester	5,521.33
Somersworth	1,860.25
Farmington	1,808.57
Milton	55.97
Madbury	74.55
Barrington	489.85

Milton Mills	370.97
Durham	46.20
New Durham	3.00
Rollinsford	212.00
Other Towns (expended and reimbursed)	222.55
	$17,777.31

SOLDIERS' AID

Dover	$ 3,235.31
Rochester	1,142.46
New Durham	30.00
Farmington	687.61
Strafford	138.00
Milton	174.85
Rollinsford	496.55
	$ 5,904.78

1954

Special Appropriation, Sheriff's Dept.—$1,000.00

July, 1954	
Jim's Photo Service, Rochester, camera and films	$ 281.75
December	
L. E. Mayrand, electrical work	30.81
Valmore Renaud, partition	500.00

Pill Electric Co., fixture and tube	22.87
Fire extinguisher, bought by Sheriff	32.00
1 Venetian blind, Morrill Furniture Co.	18.00
Edward H. Quimby Co., File	61.20
	$ 946.63

Unexpended balance $53.37

Special Appropriation, Court Rooms—$2,000.00

October	
Edward H. Quimby Co., chairs	$ 338.80
Roberts Express, transp. on chairs	37.50
December	
Alfred J. Gagne & Son, painting	135.00
Morrill Furniture Co., venetians blinds and shade	36.30
L. E. Mayrand, fixtures and electrical work	294.66
Valmore Renaud, toilet room, complete	1,125.00
L. E. Mayrand, fixtures	32.00
	$ 1,999.26

Unexpended balance $ .74

Contingent Fund—$3,000.00

April	
Romeo P. Morin—Survey and recommendations re: steam plant at County Home	$ 300.00

November	
Craig Supply Co., mangler at County Home	475.79
December	
Rand Pickering Express, transp. on mangler	21.97
Mayrand Electric Co., installing mangler	18.43
Farmington Gas & Appliance Co., Parts and labor on mangler	21.03
City of Dover, parking lot	500.00
	$ 1,337.22

Unexpended balance $1,662.78

TREASURER'S REPORT

At the close of the year 1954 all taxes had been paid by the cities and towns.

The total cash on hand on December 31, 1954, amounted to $20,140.75.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the County Commissioners and the office staff for their generous assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO CORMIER,
Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1954
Strafford County

County Treasurer's Account

Balance on Hand, January January 1, 1954	$ 23,582.21	
Receipts, Year Ending December 31, 1954	652,997.04	
	$676,579.25	
Payments, Year Ending December 31, 1954	$656,438.50	
Balance, December 31, 1954, As Per Cash Book		$ 20,140.75
Bal. in Merchants National Bank As Per Statment of Dec. 31, 1954	$ 26,596.14	
Less Outstanding Orders	6,455.39	
Reconciled Bank Balance, As of December 31, 1954		$ 20,140.75
County Commissioners office, petty cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954		$ 25.00
Dec. 31, 1954		$ 25.00

County Farm Superintendent's Account

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954	$ 54,259.66
Total Remittances to County Treasurer, Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954	$ 54,259.66
Superintendent's balance on hand, January 1, 1954—petty cash	$ 100.00
Superintendent's balance on hand, December 31, 1954—petty cash	$ 100.00

Indebtedness—December 31, 1954

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes		None
Outstanding Long Term Notes		None
Outstanding Bonds		
Court House	$ 25,000.00	
County Home	12,000.00	
		$ 37,000.00
Bills Owed by County		None

County Taxes Uncollected—December 31, 1954

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None

Signed:

GILMAN H. TWOMBLY,
RAYMOND V. JONES, Jr.
County Auditors

Date: January 13, 1955

STRAFFORD COUNTY

Apportionment of County Taxes

1954

$209,548.79

	Proportion of Tax	Amount of Tax
Barrington	$ 15.45	$ 3,237.53
Dover	340.59	71,370.22
Durham	52.55	11,011.79
Farmington	59.05	12,373.86
Lee	10.19	2,135.30
Madbury	11.03	2,311.32
Middleton	3.10	649.60
Milton	32.41	6,791.48
New Durham	12.59	2,638.22
Rochester	258.33	54,132.74
Rollinsford	30.04	6,294.84
Somersworth	158.96	33,309.88
Strafford	15.71	3,292.01
	$ 1,000.00	$ 209,548.79

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1954.

Among the improvements made at the Home in 1954, was the screening in of the piazzas on the men's and women's wings, which to our minds is the biggest improvement in several years. The cost of these was made possible by a special appropriation. Very little was done in the house due to lack of funds.

On the Farm part, a new hay-baler was purchased, which has been a great help to us.

A new Chevrolet ("Handyman") car was purchased, which has helped us in transporting patients to and from the hospitals, and which has saved quite a bit of money for the County.

Mrs. Lepene and I wish to express our appreciation to the various Church and Fraternal Organizations, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and the Women's Clubs for their charities, and for their entertainments and gifts to the people here.

We most sincerely appreciate the cooperation given us by the Commissioners, by Dr. Hartigan, our nurses, our personnel, and the Wentworth Hospital for sterilizing our dressings.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LEPENE,
Superintendent

STRAFFORD COUNTY FARM INVENTORY

Commissioners' Room and Hall	$	550.00
Superintendent's Department:		
Office		300.00
Parlor		1,000.00
Kitchen		5,000.00
Dining Room		800.00
Sleeping Rooms		1,000.00
Sewing Room and Linen Closet		400.00
Linen Room		350.00
Inmates' Department—Men's Wing:		
Dining Room		875.00
Reading Room		100.00
Barber Shop		100.00
Sleeping Rooms		1,400.00
Second-hand Clothing		50.00
Dispensary		1,650.00
Store Room		1,200.00
Attic		100.00
Inmates' Department—Women's Wing:		
Dining Room		875.00
Chapel		500.00
Sleeping Rooms		900.00
Women's Attic		150.00
Hospital Room		300.00
Basement:		
Meat Room and Refrigerator		1,000.00
Vinegar Room		100.00
Big Store Room		900.00
Inmates Kitchen (old)		500.00
Superintendent's Store Room		800.00
Flour and Coffee Room		1,200.00
Soap Room		300.00
Disinfectant Room		1,200.00

Paint and Carpenter Shops		700.00
Boiler Room and Contents		7,300.00
Blacksmith Shop		400.00
Oil Room		800.00
Coal		500.00
Fire Extinguishers		700.00
Hose House and Contents		200.00
Pumps and Motors		7,545.00
Engine Room		2,180.00
International Truck		300.00
Chevrolet Car		1,400.00
Ford Truck		500.00
Farm Machinery and Milk Room Equipment		9,000.00
Storm Windows		300.00
Jail Contents		500.00
Contents of Laundry		5,000.00
Slaughter House Equipment		500.00
29 Milk Cows	225.00 each	6,525.00
11 Holstein Heifers	125.00 each	1,375.00
8 Hereford Heifers	125.00 each	1,000.00
11 Steers	100.00 each	1,100.00
1 Bull	300.00	300.00
1 Calf	25.00	25.00
197 Hens	2.00 each	394.00
34 Swine		918.00
Grain for above		217.00
Corn Ensilage	200 tons	1,600.00
Hay	188 tons	6,016.00
Lumber, salvaged from trees felled by hurricane	6,968 feet	480.55

VEGETABLES AND PRODUCE

Beets	4 bushels
Carrots	25 bushels
Cabbage	1 ton

Cucumbers	5 bushels
String Beans	8 bushels
Lettuce	5 bushels
Parsnips	5 bushels
Peas	17 bushels
Peppers	1 bushel
Potatoes	900 bushels
Radishes	10 bushels
Tomatoes	10 bushels
Turnips	25 bushels
Beef, raised and used on Farm	10,117 lbs.
Pork, raised and used on Farm	8,662 lbs.
Veal, raised and used on Farm	1,072 lbs.
Poultry	626½ lbs.
Butter	1,102½ lbs.
Eggs	2,871-2/3 dozen
Milk	175,265 lbs.

BOARDERS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS DURING 1954

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Amory, Mary, Rochester	82	138
Andrews, Clarence, Rochester	48	5
Austin, George T., Rochester	82	65
Averill, Albert, Milton	90	193
Averill, Hannah, Milton	85	246
Barnes, Gertrude, Lee	58	365
Blaisdell, Sarah E., Rochester	88	116
Blake, Laura, Rochester	80	365
Boisvert, Joseph W., Rochester	55	38
Briere, Sarah, Dover	70	22
Brock, Aaron, Dover	73	19
Brown, Earl, Dover	49	151
Cochrane, Philip, Somersworth	65	365
Coleman, Vaughn H., Dover	60	365
Croteau, David, Somersworth	69	365
Currier, Ethel, Durham	53	5
Dion, Arthur, Lee	75	365
Drouin, Adele, Somersworth	85	365
Ellis, Mildred, Dover	62	175
Folland, John H., Dover	48	166
Haley, James, Rochester	54	13
Halloran, John, Dover	84	365
Harvey, Herbert H., Rollinsford	72	306
Jones, Addie Mae, Middleton	72	365
Jones, Bernice, Dover	58	365
Kinney, Miriam, Dover	52	45
Labrie, Joseph, Dover	86	39
Langevin, Frederick, Somersworth	47	213
Letourneau, Maria, Rochester	61	101
Lilly, Rose, Somersworth	65	365
Lique, Henry, Rochester	83	365
McCarthy, Cornelius, Dover	80	14
McCrillis, Arnold, Rochester	46	243
McIntire, Christina, Dover	67	139
McMaster, Harriet, Dover	92	334
Martell, Mary, Dover	64	365
Paquette, Octave, Dover	82	87
Pare, Cecelia, Rochester	44	9

Perkins, George, Dover	88	2
Perkins, Charles, Farmington	48	3
Phinney, John, Rochester	70	365
Plante, Albert P., Somersworth	72	365
Prendergast, John, Dover	68	359
Provencal, Joseph, Dover	70	365
Shupe, Harry, Dover	73	365
Shute, Ralph E., Dover	78	295
Skaling, Rose, Dover	90	5
Smith, William I., Dover	53	365
Stanton, Albina, Somersworth	77	365
Stevens, Hattie, Middleton	85	365
Timmons, Patrick, Dover	77	365
Viel, Mary, Dover	84	365
White, John P., Dover	81	365
Young, Nathaniel, Milton	60	179

(20 Private Boarders, 4 Veterans, and 1 Veterans's Dependent.)

INMATES AT STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME DURING YEAR 1954

Name, Where From	Age	Days Here
Authier, Eugene, Rochester	71	365
Bisson, Ephriam, Dover	83	365
Bennett, Emma, Rochester	76	365
Boudreault, Maurice, Dover	71	346
Butler, Fannie, Dover	70	365
Cahoon, Maude, Rochester	83	365
Cardin, Louis, Augusta, Me.	83	55
Caron, Rose, Dover	72	365
Chalmers, Jennie, Rochester	64	122
Connors, John, Dover	82	365
Cote, Arthur, Somersworth	83	365
Davis, Harold P., Dover	65	365
Frechette, Octave, Dover	81	365
Frey, Martina, Strafford	87	195
Gatchell, Gustina, Dover	86	365
Guimond, Fred, Dover	79	365
Hale, Melvin, Farmington	52	20
Johnson, Harry, Farmington	76	365

Lilly, John, Somersworth	61	365
McCraren, Esther, Dover	56	157
McCraren, John, Dover	57	145
McGonigle, John, Dover	67	109
McMaster, Harriet, Dover	92	31
Mullevey, Clara, Dover	63	75
Mitchell, Mark, Dover	47	365
Morgan, Charles, Dover	83	365
Morrison, Clarence, Barrington	64	278
Packard, Charles M., Dover	87	105
Pate, Columbus C., Fort Fairfield, Me.,	55	5
Pare, Joseph, Northwood Narrows	76	7
Provencal, John, Dover	61	365
Ring, William, Farmington	68	40
Rix, Russell, Gorham	53	6
Roy, Frank, Dover	78	365
Stiles, Ida, Barrington	81	365
Storer, Harriet, Farmington	76	365
Theroux, Matilda, Farmington	74	365
Thibeault, Henry, Salmon Falls	70	365
Williams, Mary, Dover	50	148
Williams, Arthur, Dover	48	119

PRISONERS COMMITTED TO STRAFFORD COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

1954

Age	Name, Court Committed from, Offense	Weeks	Days
36	Archinski, William, Dover, Contempt of Court,		5
41	Bartlett, Philip, Dover, Contempt of Court,	21	4
77	Bassett, George, Dover, Drunk,	10	2
50	Beaulieu, Raymond, Rochester, Drunk	1	3
51	Beaulieu, Raymond, Rochester, Drunk,	1	3
22	Bissell, Clarence, Dover, Contempt of Court,	1	4
18	Boisvert, Ferdinand, Rochester, Breaking and Entering, Attempted Larceny,		6
32	Boyd, Charles, Somersworth, Bastardy,		2
37	Bowles, Stanton, Farmington, Driving under influence of liquor,	5	4
28	Bradley, Norris, Dover, Rape,		2
21	Brassaw, James W., Rochester, Larceny,	3	4

21	Brassaw, James W., Rochester, Did unlawfully make a brawl,	4	2
21	Brassaw, James W., Rochester, Did operate a motor vehicle at excessive rate of speed,	7	5
21	Brassaw, James W., Rochester, Assault and Robbery,	3	4
19	Brassaw, Wallace G., Rochester, Assault and Robbery,		6
19	Brassaw, Wallace G., Rochester, Larceny,	11	4
31	Bromfield, Morris, Somersworth, Driving under influence of liquor,		2
49	Brown, Earl, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
44	Carindon, Alfred, Rochester, Neglect of wife and minor child,	3	6
25	Caron, Leo J., Dover, Contempt of Court,	3	5
78	Caron, William, Dover, Drunk	26	5
50	Carrier, Napoleon, Dover, Disobeying Court Order,		1
58	Chaisson, Jerry, Dover, Contempt of Court,	5	2
29	Comfort, Frederick W., Rochester, Embezzlement,		3
51	Cormier, Romeo, Farmington, Drunk,	3	6
35	Daniels, Donald, Dover, Non-Support,		2
40	Day, Austin M., Dover, Violating Probation,		1
35	Devoid, Irving, Dover, Neglect of Children,	2	4
33	DeWitt, Herbert, Dover, Defraud by check	15	2
41	Downs, Bernard, Dover, Contempt of Court,	10	6
25	Downs, Henry S., Dover, Drunk,	1	
18	Drew, Donald L., Durham, Breaking and Entering, and Larceny,	1	1
34	Drury, Paul, Somersworth, Speeding,		1
55	Dumont, George, Somersworth, Intent to defraud,	1	3
26	Eisner, Gordon, Dover, Contempt of Court		2
20	Ellis, Albert S., Dover, Armed Robbery,	23	1
19	Ewing, George W., Durham, Gross lewdness and lascivious behavior,	8	1
23	Farrand, Richard, Dover, Disobeying Court Order,		3
23	Fenton, William, Dover, Vagrant,	1	3
68	Fitzhugh, Charles, Somersworth, Vagrant,	1	2
31	Fleury, Daniel W., Dover, Breaking and entering, with intent to steal,	4	

18	Furber, Donald J., Rochester, Breaking and entering, Attempted Larceny,		2
19	Garland, Raymond P., Rochester, Obstructing a police officer in his duty,	4	2
32	Giles, Leroy E., Dover, Bastardy,	8	6
44	Goulin, Donat, Somersworth, Drunk	3	2
26	Grant, Albert, Dover, Larceny,	24	
30	Grant, Chesley, Dover, Contempt of Court,	2	2
35	Green, Daniel F., Dover, Contempt of Court	17	2
48	Grenier, John A., Somersworth, Drunk,	2	1
28	Grenier, Robert, Rochester, Did take a car without owner's permission, but not with intent to steal,	2	1
28	Grenier, Robert, Rochester, Did take a car without owner's permission, but not with intent to steal,	3	4
32	Grenier, Roland, Dover, Disturbance of his family,	3	6
55	Grimes, John, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
55	Grimes, John, Dover, Larceny,	12	5
37	Haigh, Harold, Dover, Contempt of Court,	24	
54	Haley, James, Rochester, Vagrancy,	3	6
54	Haley, James, Dover, Drunk,	3	6
54	Haley, James, Rochester, Vagrancy,	3	6
28	Hartford, Albion, Somersworth, Contempt of Court,	7	4
59	Hennessey, William E., Dover, Vagrancy,	7	5
59	Hennessey, William E., Rochester, Larceny,	2	1
59	Hennessey, William E., Dover, Drunk,	5	3
43	Hermanson, John, Dover, Drunk,	7	5
70	Hilliard, Alfred, Rochester, Larceny	3	3
20	Hoey, George, Dover, Assault,	9	4
44	Hogan, Joseph, Dover, Non-Support		4
37	Horne, Ralph, Dover, Non-Support,		1
35	Hulme, Russell, Dover, Disobeying probation,		1
27	Jarvis, Robert E., Dover, Breaking and entering, Larceny	1	2
26	Johnson, Carl, Dover, Contempt of Court		4
59	Johnson, Delancy, Rochester, Lascivious behavior	7	5
40	Kelley, Reginald, Dover, Contempt of Court	22	2
29	Kimball, Thurston, Rochester, Larceny	2	6

30	Kimball, Thurston, Dover, Disobeying probation		5
24	Kittrell, Robert L., Dover, Breaking and entering, attempted larceny	2	6
30	Lamontagne, Raymond J., Rochester, Failure to provide for his family		3
53	Lanoix, Robert, Rochester, Contempt of Court		3
43	LaPanne, Nelson, Somersworth, Assault	11	4
36	LaPointe, Ernest, Somersworth, Neglect of children	3	6
20	Lawlor, Maurice F., Dover, Larceny	34	5
18	LeClair, William, Rochester, Larceny		1
36	Mantos, Louis W., Dover, Neglect of wife and minor children	12	3
25	Marden, Frank C. J., Rochester, Larceny	2	2
50	Marshall, Thomas P., Dover, Contempt of Court	8	
28	Mayo, Jr., John, Somersworth, Assault	1	6
75	McCafferty, William, Rochester, Vagrancy	3	6
75	McCafferty, William, Somersworth, Drunk	2	4
22	Moody, Fred, Somersworth, Drunk	2	1
22	Moody, Wesley, Nashua, Breaking and entering, Attempted Larceny	2	3
28	Nadeau, Arthur, Somersworth, Drunk	3	6
28	Nadeau, Arthur, Somersworth, Drunk	29	5
47	Nadeau, Placide, Dover, Contempt of Court	1	1
34	Parker, Carroll, Dover, Non-Support		2
29	Perkins, Walter, Rochester, Overloaded truck		1
62	Peters, Walter, Dover, Drunk	5	3
	Pike, Alvah B., Rochester, Larceny	1	1
54	Pike, Roland S., Dover, Larceny	13	3
54	Pike, Roland, Dover, Breaking his Parole	2	2
55	Pike, Roland, Dover, Violation of Probation	11	4
55	Pike, Roland, Rochester, Drunk	2	1
20	Pinkham, Elmer, Dover, Drunk	3	6
28	Plouff, Amatur, Somersworth, Driving under influence of liquor		2
48	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrancy	11	4
48	Quimby, Alfred, Rochester, Vagrancy	2	4
50	Richard, Michel, Dover, Assault	4	2
18	Ridlon, Roger, Dover, Armed Robbery	27	

21	Roberts, Byron A., Dover, Contempt of Court	4	6
41	Rouleau, Andrew, Rochester, Disturbing the Peace	2	6
33	Roy, Henry J., Dover, Embezzlement	10	2
48	Savageau, Dennis, Dover, Embezzlement	7	5
41	Smith, Harry D., Dover, Drunk	7	3
61	Sherman, Raymond C., Dover, Contempt of Court		2
61	Sherman, Raymond C., Dover, Contempt of Court	4	1
44	St. Laurent, Albert, Dover, Contempt of Court		1
29	Stanley, Walter, Dover, Rape		2
37	Stewart, Chester E., Rochester, Did threaten to do bodily harm	11	6
24	Tsoukalas, Peter, Dover, Aggravated Assault		2
29	Turner, Gordon, Dover, Violation of Probation,	3	3
42	Varney, William G., Dover, Violation of Probation	25	1
37	Vezear, Edmund, Somersworth, Drunk	1	3
34	Vigneault, Gerard, Dover, Non-Support	2	2
31	Wallace, Achilles, Dover, Non-Support		1
19	Wallingford, Richard, Durham, Driving without license		2
48	Williams, Arthur, Dover, Did furnish liquor to a prisoner		6
28	Winship, Lorenzo, Somersworth, (1) Operating a motor vehicle after license had been denied; (2) Failure to stop at a stop sign; (3) Failure to stop for a police officer	1	
32	Wood, John B., Somersworth, Mortaging property without full ownership	1	4
32	Young, David W., Rochester, Assault	5	5
42	Young, Elbridge, Dover, Non-Support		1
42	Young, Elbridge, Dover, Disobeying Court Order		1

STRAFFORD COUNTY HOME
1954

RECEIPTS

Board	$ 27,789.79
Board, State of N. H. Public Welfare Dept.	15,737.93
Clothing and supplies	337.09
Potatoes	336.69
Swine	2,158.92
Hay	2,810.94
Medical Supplies	262.16
Cows and calves	372.09
Hay Baler	250.00
Auto Collision Insurance	135.12
Insurance, extended coverage	3,432.10
Fats, hides, tel. calls, junk, road toll refund, etc.	636.83
Total	$ 54,259.66

EXPENDITURES

Jail		
Labor	$ 3,905.00	
Supplies	331.89	
Board of women prisoners	83.80	
Medical	275.60	
Clothing	41.40	
Films, etc.	23.76	
Repairs	31.24	
		$ 4,692.69
Farming		
Seed and fertilizer	1,425.70	
Labor	2,583.00	

Supplies		178.66	
Equipment		90.00	
Fencing		94.50	
Repairs		27.81	
Machine rental, wire and fencing		133.80	
Binder twine		29.25	
Veterinarian		7.50	
			$ 4,570.22
Dairy			
Feed		$ 8,551.42	
Labor		1,735.00	
Supplies		158.58	
Veterinarians		47.10	
Milker, labor and parts		44.50	
Repairs		11.31	
Cleaning stumps from pasture		93.50	
			$ 10,641.41
Operation and maintenance of Plant			
Labor		$ 27,159.13	
Provisions		15,125.50	
Clothing		482.30	
Supplies		5,483.35	
Health, Physicians	$1,200.00		
Nurses	7,942.00		
Supplies	1,702.43		
		10,844.43	
Repairs		2,073.45	
Gas for range		479.40	
Coal		9,396.80	
Light and power		1,774.03	
All other expenses			
Chaplains		$ 244.89	

Automobile and truck expense	1,493.77	
Gasoline	1,305.77	
Telephone	481.66	
Transportation	45.21	
Adv. Bids	22.03	
Taxes	1,852.96	
Pullets	400.00	
Condensing unit	495.00	
Hurricane damage	2,949.77	
Laundry work	30.76	
Refund on board	24.00	
		82,164.21
Total		$102,068.53

REPORT OF CLERK

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Strafford County:

The following is an account of my receipts and disbursements as Clerk of the Superior Court for the following terms:

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1953

DEBITS

Capiases, mittimuses, certificates of probation (45)	$	45.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (38)		5.75
Extended permanent records, 1802½ pages @ $.50		901.25
Extended permanent records certificates, 456 @ $.15		68.40
Fines paid Motor Vehicle Department		525.00
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		3,491.60
Error on October 6 civil entry charge		.50
	$	5,037.50

CREDITS

Civil entries, 152 @ $2.50	$	380.00
Equity entries, 108 @ $2.50		270.00
State appeal entries, 12 @ $2.50		30.00
Dockets sold, 24 @ $2.00		48.00
State v. Sabine, fine		500.00
State v. Carle, fine		25.00
Fees chargeable to County		50.75
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire drawn		3,733.75
	$	5,037.50

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.
Feb. 4, 1954

ROBERT F. GRIFFITH,
Presiding Justice

FEBRUARY TERM, 1954

DEBITS

Capiases, mittimuses, certificates of probation (67)	$	67.00
Returns to Department of Vital Statistics (58)		8.75
Extended permanent records 1826 pages @ .50		913.00
Extended permanent records 409 certificates @ $.15		61.05
Fine paid Motor Vechicle Department —State v. Murray		100.00
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical hire		4,610.60
	$	5,760.40

CREDITS

Civil entries 157 @ $2.50	$	392.50
Equity entries 132 @ $2.50		330.00
State appeals 20 @ $2.50		50.00
Sessions Entries 2 @ $2.50		5.00
Dockets sold 29 @ $2.00		58.00
Fees chargeable to County		75.75
State v. Hassen, fine		250.00
State v. Murray, fine		100.00
State v. Fenton, fine		10.00

Lavoie, Norton, Merchant, contempt cases costs—Feb.	6.60
Brown, Gouthier, contempt cases costs —March	6.60
Johnson, Fogarty, Benner, Roy, Roussell, Eisner (April) costs of contempt cases	33.40
Menter, Caron costs on contempt cases, May	11.40
Day, costs, contempt case, July	5.50
Steele, Rocheleau, Archinski, Lizotte, Nadeau—August—costs on contempt cases	19.90
Allowance for Clerk and Clerical hire drawn	4,405.75
	$ 5,760.40

The foregoing account is approved and allowed.
September 6, 1954

WILLIAM A. GRIMES,
Presiding Justice

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. KEEFE,
Clerk

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

To the Commissioners for the County of Strafford, State of New Hampshire:

Pursuant to Revised Laws, Chapter 25, Sections 24 and 25, and Chapter 50, Section 1, I make herewith my annual report for the period from January 1 through December 31, 1954.

CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

I

Felony Cases

State v. Robert Mansfield. Breaking and entering in the night time. February 19, 1954, plea of Guilty, case continued for sentence: respondent placed on probation for three years. August 24, 1954, violation of probation; respondent committed to State Prison for one year and one day to two years.

State v. Michel Richard. Aggravated assault. Plea of Guilty. Case continued for sentence; respondent placed on probation for three years.

State v. Charles Wynott, Jr. Breaking and entering at night and larceny. Plea of Guilty. Case continued for sentence; respondent placed on probation for three years.

State v. Robert L. Kittrel. Breaking and entering at night with intent to commit larceny. Plea of Guilty. Respondent committed to State Prison for one year and one day to three years.

State v. Robert E. Jarvis. Breaking and entering at night with intent to commit larceny. Plea of

Guilty. Case continued for sentence; respondent placed on probation for two years.

State v. Daniel W. Fleury. Breaking and entering at night with intent to commit larceny. Plea of Guilty. Respondent sentenced to State Prison for one year and one day to three years.

State v. Herbert L. Moore. Indictment February, 1955, for unnatural and lascivious act. Petition for mental inquiry filed. Question of law as to obligation of respondent to submit to second mental examination transferred to Supreme Court. Supreme Court decision rendered October, 1954. Case awaiting jury trial at end of year.

State v. Thurston Campbell. Larceny. Plea of Guilty; Case continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for two years.

State v. Roland S. Pike. Breaking and entering at night and larceny. Plea of Guilty; respondent sentenced to House of Correction for six months; three months suspended, probation for one year following release.

State v. Donald Leo Drew. Breaking and entering at night and larceny of motor vehicle. Plea of Guilty; case continued for sentence.

State v. Frederick W. Comfort. Embezzlement; plea of Guilty; case continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for three years; restitution ordered.

State v. Dennis Savageau. Embezzlement; plea of Guilty; sentenced to one year at House of Correction, ten months suspended; probation for two years following release.

State v. Raymond Gagnon. Larceny; plea of

Guilty; case continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for two years.

State v. Ronald LeClerc. Larceny; plea of Guilty; case continued for sentence; respondent placed on probation for two years.

State v. Herbert DeWitt. Passing counterfeit check. Plea of Guilty; respondent sentenced to six months at House of Correction; three months suspended.

State v. James W. Brassaw. Burglary; plea of Guilty; respondent sentenced to one year and one day to three years at State Prison.

State v. Walter Stanley. September, 1954, indictment on charge of rape. Mental examination completed under sexual psychopath law. Case awaiting trial at end of year.

State v. Norris Bradley. September, 1954, indictment on charge of rape. Mental examination completed under sexual psychopath law. Case awaiting trial at end of year.

State v. Alfred J. Hilliard. Concealing stolen property. Plea of Guilty; sentence: $50 fine.

State v. Theresa M. Comparone. Breaking and entering at night with intent to steal. Plea of Guilty; case continued for sentence.

State v. Theresa M. Comparone. Larceny of automobile. Plea of Guilty; case continued for sentence and respondent placed on probation for two years.

State v. Wesley H. Moody. Breaking and entering at night and larceny. Plea of Guilty; sentenced to six months at House of Correction.

State v. Irving Devoid. Desertion of minor children. Plea of Guilty; suspended sentence of one year and one day to fifteen months; respondent placed on probation for five years and ordered to furnish support.

II

Misdemeanor Cases

State v. Charles Fenton. Drunk. Plea of Guilty; $10 fine.

State v. Louis Mantos. Non-support. Plea of Guilty; case continued for sentence and respondent ordered to furnish support. 10/5/54 respondent held in contempt and committed to House of Correction for six months.

State v. James Murray. Operating motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea of Gulity; fined $100.

State v. James Hassen. Possession of obscene matter with intent to sell. Plea of Guilty; fined $250.

State v. Michael Hashem. Assault. Case pending.

State v. Robert Carpenter. Willful destruction of property. Case pending at end of year.

State v. Leonard Lassor. Willful destruction of property. Case pending at end of year.

State v. Marie Goupil. Drunk. Plea of Guilty; fined $10.

State v. Pollyann Tillinghast. Operating motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea of Guilty; fined $200; 90 days at House of Correction suspended.

State v. Elmer F. Haskell. Operating motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor. Trial by jury; verdict: Not Guilty.

State v. Leo Allen. Operating under influence. Found Guilty in Municipal Court; appeal; case awaiting trial at end of year.

State v. Lester Smith. Operating under influence. Trial by jury. Verdict: Not Guilty.

State v. Rodney Plaisted. Operating under influence. Plea of Guilty; sentenced to pay $150 fine; 90 days suspended.

State v. Walter Stebbins. Operating under influence. Trial by jury. Verdict: Guilty. Fined $100.

State v. Lester M. Wyman. Operating under influence. Trial by jury. Verdict: Guilty. Fined $100.

State v. William Ainsworth. Speeding. Case pending at end of year.

State v. Raoul J. Dupuis. Grossly Careless operation. Plea of Guilty; fined $100.

State v. Roland J. Hanks. Grossly careless operation. Plea of Guilty; fined $50.

State v. Evelyn M. Claridge. Operating under influence. Trial by jury. Verdict: Not Guilty.

In addition to the above cases, various misdemeanor cases were nol prossed at my discretion, in some cases upon a plea of guilty to another offense.

Cases in Municipal Court

State v. Ronald N. Alexander. Bound over to February 1955 Grand Jury on charge of reckless driving, death resulting.

State v. Chester Cook. Bound over to February, 1955 Grand Jury on charge of breaking and entering at night.

State v. Ferdinand Boisvert. Bound over to February 1955 Grand Jury on charge of breaking and entering at night.

State v. Donald J. Furber. Bound over to February 1955 Grand Jury on charge of breaking and entering at night.

State v. Leon King. Case tried in Municipal Court on charge of violation of election laws. Respondent found Not Guilty.

Comments

In addition to the cases listed above, many investigations were conducted, and numerous misdemeanor cases were handled in the various municipal courts in the course of the year. The year saw a large increase in cases of juvenile delinquency, many of which were presented in juvenile court by the County Solicitor. The marked increase in such cases, together with the fact that a large number of the cases involved the commission of felonies by juveniles, constitute a cause for serious concern on the part of the juvenile courts, the police, the Probation Department, and all law enforcement officials, as well as on the part of teachers, parents and the community at large. While the origin of many of these cases is to be found in the home environment of the minor concerned, this is by no means always the case. No obvious solution to the problem is apparent, as the problem is evidently a product of the times in which we live. All the courts can do is to handle each case as it arises, and in most cases involving

juveniles, punishment of the ordinary sort is a last resort, the effort being to get the juvenile to understand that what he has done is wrong, and to see that greater supervision is obtained, usually through officers of the Probation Department.

For the cheerful co-operation received from all county, state, city and town officials, I am most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. BRANT,
Solicitor

REPORT OF SHERIFF

FEBRUARY TERM, 1954

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.

Paid Court Chaplain, Rev. Roukas S. Najjar		$	10.00

WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff

99 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	$ 990.00		
1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00		
720 miles travel at 10c	72.00		
53 meals	57.90		
Transportation of prisoners for Court	39.00		
Fees and travel in connection with services of 3 subpoena for Court (criminal cases)	4,20		
			1,173.10

HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff

68 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	680.00	
2 nights' attendance at Court at $10.00	20.00	
2705 miles travel at 10c	270.50	
63 meals	74.25	
		1,044.75

To Noel Chasse, Deputy Sheriff, Dr.

Paid newspapers (for jury)		.24

NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff

27 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	270.00	

2 nights' attendance at Court at $10.00	20.00	
270 miles travel at 10c	27.00	
24 meals	31.25	
		348.25

WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff

24 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	240.00	
1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00	
48 miles travel at 10c	4.80	
		254.80
		$ 2,831.14

Approved for $2,831.14

WILLIAM A. GRIMES,
Presiding Justice

WILFRED J. PARE,
Sheriff

Received Payment,
WILFRED J. PARE

SEPTEMBER TERM, 1954

To Wilfred J. Pare, Sheriff, Dr.			
Paid Court Chaplain, Rev. Charles Trudel		$	10.00
WILFRED J. PARE, Sheriff			
54 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	$ 540.00		
310 miles travel at 10c	31.00		
12 meals	11.45		
Transportation of prisoners for Court	48.25		
Fees and travel in connection with services of subpoena for Court (criminal cases)	7.40		
Mittimus and returns (criminal cases)	38.00		
Travel and investigation of absent jurors and Special Venires for Court	35.40		
			711.50
HERVEY C. TANNER, Deputy Sheriff			
33 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	330.00		
1 night's attendance at Court at $10.00	10.00		
1320 miles travel at 10c	132.00		
26 meals	30.65		
Transportation of prisoners for Court	1.50		
			504.15
EDWARD B. RICHARD, Deputy Sheriff			
9 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	90.00		

180 miles travel at 10c	18.00	
8 meals	8.15	
		116.15
NOEL CHASSE, Deputy Sheriff		
5 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	50.00	
40 miles travel at 10c	4.00	
3 meals	3.25	
		57.25
WILLIAM N. SHAHEEN, Special Deputy Sheriff		
4 days' attendance at Court at $10.00	40.00	
8 miles travel at 10c	.80	
		40.80
		$ 1,439.85

Approved for $1,439.85

JOHN H. LEAHY,
Presiding Justice

WILFRED J. PARE,
Sheriff

Received Payment,
WILFRED J. PARE

REPORT OF THE CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

February 4, 1955

To the County Commissioners:

Since a year, it's my privilege to be the Catholic Chaplain of Strafford County Home, where I find an important group of men and women always glad to see the priest bringing them the spiritual consolations.

Here is my program:

Two times a month I went for Confession and Mass.

One trip a month to pay a visit to the Aged.

Five trips to administer the Last Rites.

At Christmas, we had a special Mass with music and Carol by St. Charles' Choir.

Great thanks to the Commissioners, to the Superintendant and to all the members of his staff for the fine cooperation they gave me.

May God bless all of those who devote themselves, with a smile, for the Aged.

Respectively submitted,

REV. GERARD BEAUDET,
Chaplain

REPORT OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPLAIN

February 9, 1955

County Commissioners, Court House, Dover, N. H.

Dear Sirs:

It has been my privilege to serve another year as Protestant Chaplain at the County Home. During this period it has been gratifying to see signs of spiritual progress and growth on the part of many of the inmates. Their interest in spiritual matters and their deep appreciation for the worship services have been most rewarding.

Divine worship services were held every Sunday afternoon, either by myself or by some church group that I have appointed. Weekly Bible classes have been held in the jail under the direction of Mr. Fred Gale. I believe that these religious services have proved to be a source of great spiritual help and inspiration.

As chaplain I made personal visits to the rooms of many of the folk. Counsel, comfort and companionship were offered in these visits. Helpful literature was distributed to many of the inmates.

I am grateful for the excellent cooperation received from the Commissioners as well as from the Superintendent and his staff. Every consideration was accorded me as I endeavored to provide for the spiritual needs of the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ROBERT T. WESSEL,

REPORT OF PHYSICIAN

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Strafford County Home physician for the year 1954.

Visits to County Home and County Jail	52
Emergency visits to County Home	15
Emergency visits to County Jail	12
Number of commitments	0
Number of deaths	10
Average age of deaths	80

In the course of many visits to the Home and Jail, I have always found them functioning smoothly and the inmates receiving good care and thoughtful supervision.

At this time, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Commissioners, Superintendent, Matron and Nurses for their cooperation and courtesy to me during the past year which have made my visits to the Home a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HARTIGAN, M. D.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE STRAFFORD COUNTY FOR 1954

To the Commissioners of Strafford County:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that we submit a report of the Strafford County Agricultural Work as it pertains to the County Agricultural Agent. As this work covers a multiplicity of activities we are submitting just a few of the most important ones.

To begin with we might mention that Cooperative Extension Service in Strafford County is made possible by the cooperation of three political bodies, namely the County of Strafford, the State of New Hampshire, and the Federal Government through the United States Department of Agriculture.

As mentioned above the aims of the Extension Service are many. One of its purposes is to help the producers to raise, not only more but better quality farm products. It carries its objectives still further in consumer education with urban people. During the past year many meetings have been held with wholesalers and members of the retail grocers association on new marketing methods.

The Extension Service is the media through which findings, by the Experiment Station of new techniques are brought to the people of the County.

The Agricultural Agent has an important part in the activities of the other Agricultural Agencies, working in the County, being a member of the County Agricultural Stablization and Conservation Committee, a member of the County Committee of the

Farm and Home Administration and Secretary of the County Soil Conservation District.

The Agricultural Extension Service, through the Agricultural Agent is responsible for fertilizer, seed, and liming recommendations, made to farmers.

There are many management problems which we help farmers solve. These relate to livestock, crops, machinery, and marketing, as well as to the overall farm business.

It is our duty to keep the people of the County up to date on new varieties, new methods, and outlook.

These are some of the activities of the County Agricultural Agent.

In closing I wish to thank all people who have shown interest in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. ADAMS,
County Agricultural Agent

STRAFFORD COUNTY FORESTER

Recent U. S. Forest Service surveys show that there are 179,400 acres of forest land in Strafford County. This represents 74% of the total land area of the county. The county is faced with the problem of getting forest practices going so that each acre of woodland will yield a continuous crop of high quality forest products, and to correlate the annual timber drain by local wood-using industries with the annual growth of timber on the forest lands. The county forestry program is aimed at assisting and guiding the landowners and forest timber operators in achieving this goal.

Requests for services in the county has shown an increase of 229.% from 1952 to 1954. Apparently woodland owners are becoming acquainted with the services offered under the CountyCounty Forestry Program.

The publicity given the County Forestry Program through lectures, radio and television broadcasts, newspaper articles and from people who participated in the program seems to have been quite effective, as indicated by the increase in requests for the services of the County Forester.

The forest operators have shown a great interest in county forestry program and apparently regard it as one which is beneficial to them.

At the present time, one forester covers both Belknap and Strafford counties, and divides his time equally between the two counties.

During 1954, 1,551,000 board feet of timber was marked and harvested under good forestry practices in Belknap and Strafford Counties. This

was a slight increase over that selectively harvested in 1953 despite a general decrease in the overall timber cut in the two counties over the same period of time.

During the past year there has been a marked increase in the work done to improve young forest stands in the county. This is a very important phase of the county forestry program and more publicity should bring out the value to landowners and to the county for improving immature forest stands.

Respectfully submitted,

ROGER S. LEIGHTON,
County Forester

REPORT OF THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

The past year's program in home demonstration work has achieved its objectives as follows:

1. Information on time and labor saving methods in meal preparation, sewing, care of storage household equipment, etc.

2. Explanation of the services of the State Health Department.

3. The encouragement of homemakers to perform as much community service as their time and strength permits, and each home demonstration group has been urged to conduct at least one community service project a year.

4. Homemakers have been assisted with the planning of family expenditures with long-time financial plans; the project of crafts, clothing, decorations, and the like.

5. By means of the help given above, homemakers have been able to develop skill and techniques that have saved them money as well as to help them in a skill that has earned money.

6. Such improvement and management of the home has provided not only financial aid but satifaction of family living.

7. Through becoming more expert at performing household tasks, homemakers have been provided more time for other activities.

8. By means of a monthly circular letter parents have been assisted with child development and guidance.

9. Through participation in many programs, homemakers have been stimulated to think in terms of their responsibilities for international understanding. Such programs have been Civil Defense, International Farm Youth Exchange and other programs.

In looking over the change of conducting home demonstration work we find that instead of an Agent-centered program of instruction the program is now Leader-centered, with local people in each home demonstration group well trained to teach a wide variety of homemaking skills and well versed in scientific homemaking information.

The greatest need for the next few years will be to find ways to maintain the organization at its present strength and, at the same time, find ways for it to expand its influence to reach ever increasing number of homemakers with an adult program of public education in home economics.

The Agent wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the County Commissioners for their local support of the Cooperative Extension Service program in the best interests of the people of Strafford County.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY SMITH WEEKS,
Home Demonstration Agent

4-H CLUB AGENT

The 4-H Club program in Strafford County serves several hundred boys and girls in the various parts of the County. The program is divided into two divisions, that for Junior members, under fourteen years of age, and that for Senior members, fourteen years or older. During 1954, boys and girls in the County did a large amount of project work including among other things raising 2300 birds, caring for about 100 cattle and made around 1500 articles of clothing. Other projects done include crafts, canning and freezing, cooking, electricity, gardening, and child care, just to mention a few. The program was carried on by a Club Agent for the full year and an Associate Agent during the first half of the year. Also a large group of volunteer Leaders helped carry on the program during the year.

Some of the activities participated in during the year included camp, Youth Institute, an Agricultural Field Day, and several Fairs, including Rochester Fair.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD C. WALKER
Agent